

IN THE CLAIMS

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20. (original) A method for preparing a neuroprotective composition, characterized in that it comprises the steps of:

- a) providing a therapeutically effective amount of: i) pyruvate, ii) at least one antioxidant; and iii) at least one lipid; and
- b) mixing together the components i), ii) and iii) of step a) in a physiological buffered saline solution to obtain a pharmaceutically acceptable homologous suspension.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising ~~at least one of the steps of centrifuging or filtering the homologous suspension obtained in step b).~~

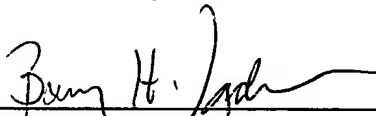
22. (new) The method of claim 20, further comprising filtering the homologous suspension.

23. (new) A neuroprotective composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyruvate at least one antioxidant and at least one lipid in a physiological buffered saline solution.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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